



DATES & DEADLINES

- Mar. 23 Buckeye Bash for NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament
www.ohiostatealumni.org/osuaa_events/ncaabasketball09.php
- Mar. 31 Alumni Awards nominations due www.ohiostatealumni.org/awards/history.php
- Apr. 25 Showdown in the 'Shoe-OSU Lacrosse vs. Notre Dame
- Apr. 30 Football home game ticket invoice due to Athletics
- May 2 Alumni Society Presidents Roundtable
9:30-11:30 a.m. Longaberger Alumni House
- Oct. 30 Alumni Leaders Conference at the Fawcett Center

OSUAA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spring event postcards—plan ahead

Groups interested in sending postcards for their spring events should contact Mike Pohle at pohle@ohiostatealumni.org or (614) 292-4140 as early as possible. Mike will send you an event announcement form, which should be filled out and returned 10-12 weeks before the RSVP deadline, when possible. Lead times less than eight weeks could result in increased postage costs or inability to produce a postcard in time for your event. Thanks for your cooperation!

“Quick Getaways” to visit Mackinac, Vermont, and more

Reservations are now being accepted for the Alumni Association's "Quick Getaway" series. These short, budget-friendly motor coach tours are the perfect way to travel with other Buckeyes. This year's getaways are Mackinac Island (June 11-15), Pennsylvania's Laurel Highlands (July 12-14), Chicago for Women (Aug. 7-9), and Vermont and the Gray Ghost Inn (Oct. 4-9). For more on these trips download the brochure and reservation form (PDF).

www.ohiostatealumni.org/tours/2009tours/osuaaprimetours2009.pdf

Nominations still being accepted for 2009 Alumni Awards

Do you know an outstanding alum? Maybe you know a club leader who has served for 10 years—why not nominate him or her for the Ralph Davenport Mershon Award for service to Ohio State? For information about all the awards or to download a nomination form, please go to www.ohiostatealumni.org/awards/history.php. Nominations will be accepted through March 31, and groups that submit a nomination will earn five points toward their Alumni Association Award totals. If you have any questions, please contact Erin Kopp (kopp@ohiostatealumni.org) or Lisa Peck (peck@ohiostatealumni.org).

Be part of the Ohio State tradition: order your official Ohio State ring!

Reserved exclusively for juniors, seniors, graduate students, professional students, and graduates of the university, the ring is custom made in your choice of 10k or 14k solid yellow or white gold in either a signet or stone style. Additionally, the stone ring is available in a two-tone style, featuring a solid white gold top with a contrasting solid yellow gold base. Celestrium™, a

jeweler's fine stainless, is available as an affordable option. 18k yellow or white gold may also be available—please contact Balfour for pricing. For more information, contact Balfour at 1-866-BALFOUR (225-3687) or visit www.ohiostatealumni.org/marketplace.

Don't forget OSUAA Web resources

Speaker request form www.ohiostatealumni.org/clubsandsocieties/speakers.php

Alumni Leaders Handbook www.ohiostatealumni.org/clubsandsocieties/handbookmain.php

Kudos www.ohiostatealumni.org/buckeye_partner/kudos

Best practices www.ohiostatealumni.org/buckeye_partner/bestpractices

ACADEMIC NEWS

Ohio State Extension reorganizes

Due to state funding reductions, Ohio State University Extension is reducing its workforce and reorganizing operations. "Despite a proven track record of serving Ohioans effectively for 95 years, OSU Extension must reduce its workforce and expenses to align with declining state and local revenues," said Keith Smith, director of OSU Extension and associate vice president of agricultural administration.

www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~news/story.php?id=5056

Ohio State's CFO to retire after 21 years of service

After 21 years guiding Ohio State's fiscal and budgetary operations, William J. Shkurti, has announced his intention to retire from his post as senior vice president for business and finance effective Mar. 30, 2010. During his tenure at the university, Shkurti has worked for five presidents and has become recognized for his prudent fiscal management for an overall budget that is currently \$4.4 billion. www.osu.edu/news/newsitem2351

Ohio State honored as International Organization of the Year

Ohio State has been recognized as the 2009 International Organization of the Year by the Columbus Council on World Affairs. The award, presented Mar. 3 to President E. Gordon Gee, recognizes the university for its outstanding contributions in international education and its commitment to global outreach. "The Council has always recognized Ohio State as a national education leader," said Patrick Terrien, the Council's president and CEO. "We feel that now is the right time to recognize the university because it is the talents of its globally literate college graduates that can play a leading role in fueling economic recovery worldwide."

www.osu.edu/news/newsitem2339

RESEARCH NEWS

Researchers uncover "obesity gene" involved in weight gain response to high-fat diet

Scientists have determined that a specific gene plays a role in the weight-gain response to a high-fat diet. The finding in an animal study suggests that blocking this gene could one day be a therapeutic strategy to reduce diet-related obesity and associated disorders, such as diabetes and liver damage, in humans. <http://researchnews.osu.edu/archive/highfatdiet.htm>

Kids with contact lenses like their looks better than kids with glasses

Children wearing contact lenses felt better about how they look, their athletic abilities, and acceptance by their friends than did children wearing eyeglasses in a recent study. The results suggest that nearsighted children as young as eight years old reap social benefits from wearing contact lenses instead of glasses, researchers say.

<http://researchnews.osu.edu/archive/lenspercept.htm>

Microscope reveals how bacteria “breathe” toxic metals

Researchers are studying some common soil bacteria that “inhale” toxic metals and “exhale” them in a non-toxic form. The bacteria might one day be used to clean up toxic chemicals left over from nuclear weapons production decades ago.

<http://researchnews.osu.edu/archive/bactmetal.htm>

ATHLETIC NEWS

Men’s and women’s basketball: Both teams to see NCAA Tournament action

Ohio State will host the first two rounds of the women’s NCAA tournament at Nationwide Arena on Mar. 21 and 23, taking on Sacred Heart in the first round. For more details, go to

www.ohiostatebuckeyes.com/ViewArticle.dbml?SPSID=87815&SPID=10422&DB_OEM_ID=17300&ATCLID=3694121

The men will take on Siena College in the first round on Mar. 20 in Dayton. Men’s tournament info is at

www.ohiostatebuckeyes.com/ViewArticle.dbml?SPSID=87813&SPID=10421&DB_OEM_ID=17300&ATCLID=3693593.

Baseball: Alex Wimmers named National Player of the Week

Pitcher Alex Wimmers’ 15-strikeout, complete game win over Pittsburgh on Mar. 13 has earned the sophomore from Cincinnati recognition as a “Louisville Slugger” National Player of the Week for the week of Mar. 16. The Archbishop Moeller graduate was also honored by the Big Ten Conference this week as its co-pitcher of the week.

www.ohiostatebuckeyes.com/ViewArticle.dbml?DB_OEM_ID=17300&ATCLID=3694098

Pistol: Buckeyes to compete at the Collegiate Nationals

The Ohio State pistol team has qualified to compete in both the open and women’s events at the Collegiate National Championships next week at Ft. Benning, Ga. Based on sectional competition scoring, Ohio State is ranked No. 1 going into the women’s competition.

www.ohiostatebuckeyes.com/ViewArticle.dbml?DB_OEM_ID=17300&ATCLID=3693779

USEFUL LINKS:

The Ohio State University Alumni Association www.ohiostatealumni.org

Join the Alumni Association www.ohiostatealumni.org/membershipservices

Alumni Leaders’ Handbook www.ohiostatealumni.org/clubsandsocieties/handbookmain.php

Club and Society Kudos www.ohiostatealumni.org/buckeye_partner/kudos/index.php

Marketplace: club and society scholarship fundraiser

www.ohiostatealumni.org/marketplace/clubs.php

Student-Alumni Council <http://sac.ohiostatealumni.org>

The Ohio State University www.osu.edu

The Ohio State University Department of Athletics www.ohiostatebuckeyes.com

The Lantern www.thelantern.com

Big Ten Conference www.bigten.org

Ohio State Points of Pride www.osu.edu/pop

OSU MP3 and image downloads www.osu.edu/download

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